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MARKED-UP SPECIFICATION

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On page 1, starting at line 25 please rewrite the paragraph as follows.

During the production process the upper is typically formed around a forming last in a first manufacturing step and then the sole is injection moulded onto a base (i.e. insole) [insole] of the upper in a second manufacturing step. The forming last provides a template for the three-dimensional size and shape of the upper. Accordingly, the first step involves mainly shaping and stitching operations. As there is generally no heating involved in this step the last can be made from a variety of materials. Wood and metal have traditional been used, and more recently plastic. Plastic is particularly preferred in lasts today because it is easy to form into the desired shape and is also relatively inexpensive.

On page 12, starting at line 9 please rewrite the paragraph as follows.

In the first step the outsole (4a) is moulded with the dummy last (28) in position in the mould cavity (22). In the second step the mid-sole is formed with the last (5) and the shoe upper (3) in the mould cavity. It is the second step therefore which physically attaches the rubber sole (4) to the fabric base (i.e. insole) [insole] of the upper (3).